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Hello,

I am opposed to bills 5130 and 5436 in any form, subs, etc.

House Bill#: 5130 - I oppose this bill because it is too loosely constructed by stating that LE can identify a firearm as being suspected of having been used in a crime. It also does not state how long the process will take before it is returned to the owner if they are not convicted of a crime. Also, who is going to pay for this additional work?

House Bill#: 5436 - Forcing a person to show proof of a lawfully owned product and pay for it in my opinion, is un-American. Also, taxpayers must prove that they can lawfully own a firearm and be fingerprinted when they've already submitted to a background check when they purchased the item, which makes no sense at all. You're forcing someone to incriminate themselves. Who among you believes that criminals who intend to do others harm, will get a proof of ownership certificate? Where does this government overreach end? Will the state require this type of procedure for other legally owned items in the future?

How will the police departments be funded for the extra burden of processing these certificates and fingerprints?

Crimes with so-called "assault weapons" in RI is practically non-existent. This is a solution, looking for a problem.

In **Rhode Island**, according to figures¹³ from the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), annual **long gun homicides total**

2019: 0
2018: 2
2017: 0
2016: 0
2015: 1
2014: 1
2013: 1
2012: 0
2011: 0
2010: 2
2009: 0
2008: 0
2007: 0
2006: 0
2005: 1
2004: 1
2003: 0
2002: 4
2001: 1
1996: 2
1995: 1

This bill is about features that have ZERO impact on the lethality of a firearm. Examples: A grip allows the user to hold onto the firearm so operation is safer. A threaded barrel with no silencer on it is just a threaded barrel. A bayonet lug can hold a light or laser with the same ease that it can hold a bayonet. A collapsible stock allows the stock to be adjusted to the user, which can make operation safer.

This legislation is an unconstitutional overreach that infringes on the rights of law-abiding Rhode Islanders and bans almost all firearms. This is essentially a back door ban on the Second Amendment.

The term “assault weapon” is a made-up term during the Clinton ban, which failed to prove any measurable impact on crime. Do a search on those two words. You will not see any links to manufacturers of rifles or handguns.

I urge you to not pass these bills.

Thank you,

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